

April hope

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Behold & Easter Sunday Recap

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.
—1 Corinthians 12:12-14 (NIV)

Back in January I announced that we would be performing our Easter program, Behold, on Good Friday and that we would need many volunteers to help make it happen. I also said that Behold does more to bond the people of

—Pastor Josh Huisman

New Hope and connect people to the community of the church than any other program we do. I continue to stand by that statement!

It was such a blessing to watch God

use the gifts of so many people to pull together a wonderful outreach event for the church. In total there were more than 100 people involved in the planning, stage design & decoration,

costumes, lights, sound & video production, food preparation & serving, actors, directors, greeters, security, and

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the list goes on and on.

One of the things I love to see and hear is how new friendships are formed and special memories are made in events like this. It is so fun to be part of a team that is working together toward one unified mission.

It takes so much work to pull together events like Behold and our special Easter Worship Service and I am so thankful (and blessed) to see the body of

Christ work together to honor the Lord in all they do.

This year we had two performances of Behold on Good Friday with around 600 advance tickets reserved on the website.

Easter Sunday Worship was completely full in the sanctuary with many of you inviting friends and family to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!

From the bottom of my heart I want to thank everyone who made Easter special. New Hope Community Church is blessed to have so many people who are willing to roll up their sleeves and work together to reach our community with the message of Christ! It's an honor to serve with you!

—Pastor Josh





Nashville Rescue Mission

As of 2023, there are over 2100 homeless persons in Davidson County. The lack of affordable housing is a significant cause of homelessness even in families with one or both parents working but not making enough money to meet their expenses. Thankfully, the Nashville Rescue Mission has been serving the homeless in Nashville for 70 years!

Two years ago, the women's campus was demolished to make way for a new Women & Children's Campus which opened in January 2024. This new campus has increased housing capacity for women and children, enabled the facility to feed more people, and provided expansion of their worship services. The new campus provides the mothers and children a greater chance to thrive and break the cycle by providing them with a safe environment, access to medical and mental health care, career education, job opportunities and substance use treatment. This allows

them to plan for a better future and take them out of a shelter environment.

New Hope's group of volunteers was blessed to be able to serve dinner on Feb 5th, approximately one week after opening. For the last 13 years, New Hope has not only supported NRM financially, but has also been volunteering at the Nashville Rescue Mission, primarily the women's campus, serving dinner on the 1st Monday of each month. If you are interested and being part of our team, please contact Dana Sullivan 615-714-6350, dlsull64@gmail.com.





This past month we prepared for the celebration of our Savior's death and Resurrection and what it means for us: that our sins are paid have been paid for and we can be with Him in Paradise someday! There were intense discussions about what Jesus endured on the cross with great participation from the students! We also played some crazy egg games outside. We're all very thankful for the longer days so that we can be outside. On Sunday mornings we have been



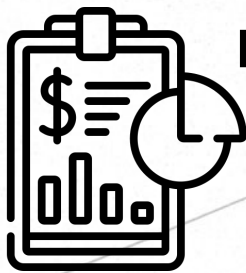
learning about how the church got started as we study the book of Acts.

It was a joy to see lots of participation in the Behold play from our middle schoolers, in the cast and in the audience. Relationships are strengthened through the excitement and funny memories that happen in the play! I am praying that the enthusiasm for being together with the body of Christ will not wane in the coming months! If you are in town, please continue to join us at church in the spring and summer months! We miss you when you're not here!

Coming this spring: art activities, wiffle ball game, kickball tournament, and continual Bible study together! Sunday morning connect group is breaking in April, but will pick back up in May! We hope you'll join us!

—Sarah Huisman, Middle School Director





Financial Report

You can also view weekly updates on the giving page of our church website!

New Hope Community Church Report to Congregation for the Period Ending February 29, 2024

| | Month Ended 2/29/2024 | | Year to Date 2/29/2024 | | YTD Actual | YTD Budget |
|--|-----------------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget | 2/28/23 | 2/28/2023 |
| REVENUES: | | | | | | |
| Tithes and Offerings | 52,607 | 68,226 | 633,467 | 596,981 | 601,637 | 578,846 |
| Rental and Other Income | 39 | 675 | 2,830 | 2,650 | 1,975 | 1,575 |
| Create Hope Studio Income | 5,189 | 3,797 | 25,016 | 27,363 | 15,616 | 16,857 |
| Total Revenues | 57,835 | 72,698 | 661,313 | 626,994 | 619,228 | 597,278 |
| EXPENDITURES: | | | | | | |
| Personnel Costs | 32,592 | 36,880 | 320,588 | 327,187 | 306,021 | 317,506 |
| Outreach and Missions | 5,261 | 7,533 | 63,347 | 60,267 | 60,163 | 57,885 |
| Ministries: | | | | | | |
| Adult | 1,808 | 942 | 6,537 | 7,533 | 8,621 | 5,264 |
| Children | (239) | 875 | 5,245 | 7,000 | 4,465 | 5,767 |
| Nursery | 0 | 375 | 774 | 3,000 | 1,279 | 1,557 |
| Pastoral Care | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 150 |
| Worship Arts | 2,703 | 3,058 | 22,434 | 24,467 | 17,204 | 17,600 |
| Youth Middle School | (127) | 492 | 3,692 | 3,933 | 3,414 | 2,950 |
| Youth High School | (90) | 633 | 4,636 | 5,067 | 2,579 | 3,883 |
| Create Hope Expense | 852 | 3,033 | 17,815 | 21,936 | 15,708 | 13,040 |
| Administrative & IT | 4,734 | 4,124 | 35,727 | 32,993 | 31,691 | 30,551 |
| Building, Maintenance & Utilities | 17,282 | 12,412 | 106,619 | 99,293 | 95,402 | 97,140 |
| Church Activities | 373 | 1,742 | 10,824 | 13,933 | 9,445 | 12,763 |
| Communications | 49 | 300 | 5,418 | 2,400 | 2,650 | 2,867 |
| Insurance | 2,577 | 2,141 | 27,875 | 24,895 | 15,555 | 18,826 |
| Rental Expenses | 0 | 83 | 1,200 | 667 | 0 | 1,000 |
| Total Expenditures | 67,775 | 74,623 | 632,731 | 634,572 | 574,197 | 588,749 |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures | (9,940) | (1,925) | 28,581 | (7,578) | 45,031 | 8,529 |

Restricted Accounts

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| Due Artful U | 2,779.74 |
| Endowment Fund | 68,120.76 |
| Benevolence Fund | 13,680.19 |
| Maintenance Reserve Fund | 27,273.44 |
| Beautification Fund | 54,859.78 |
| Project Fund | 0.00 |
| Worship Arts Equip. Reserve Fund | 3,902.22 |
| Furniture/Office Equipment Fund | 655.39 |
| Camps - Youth | 500.00 |
| CHS Scholarship | 500.00 |
| Unspent Budgeted Missions | 13,046.74 |
| Designated Missions | 430.08 |
| Women's Ministry | 2,500.00 |
| Credit Card | (32.71) |
| Staff Education Fund | 3,664.59 |
| Kitchen Insurance Claim | 6,711.33 |
| Total Restricted | 198,591.55 |

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| Pinnacle Bank Balance and CD's | 313,672.67 |
| Restricted Funds Total | 198,591.55 |
| General Fund Balance | 115,081.12 |



Create Hope Studios has had an amazing year!

This year this creative ministry has opened the doors of art, music, dance, and writing, to over 75 children! We also welcomed many adults from our community into writing and art workshops throughout the year. What a blessing it has been to meet so many families and see so many children grow in their creative talents for the Lord!

We would like to invite you to show your support for this ministry by attending our:

2023/2024 CHS Showcase on Friday April 26th at 6:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy an evening of art, music, dance, and skit writing as we close out this incredible season!



This Summer Create Hope Studios is offering an ALL-IN-ONE creative arts camp themed:

*"Let Everything that has breath praise the Lord."
Psalm 150:6*

June 24th – June 28th your child aged 5-12 years old can join Ms. Lauren, Ms. Celia, Ms. Kyla, and Ms. Renee for an exciting week of ART, DANCE, and MUSIC with a VBS style.

Each day kids will enjoy an opening and closing time with Ms. Lauren that will include worship and a daily bible lesson.

They will also be divided into age groups and have a daily rotation of art, music, and dance along with lunch and outside time.

SPOTS FOR THIS CAMP ARE LIMITED!

Sign up today @ createhopestudios.com

A Beautiful Rest

This will be a special time of rest and refreshing in God's presence while connecting with other women and the Lord through His Beautiful Word, Nature and Creativity.

Celia Van Maarth and Jill Anderson Smith will be our leaders for the morning, showing us several ways to connect with God and each other. We will worship a little, eat a little, listen to a short inspirational message, create a little, be quiet a little....Be at rest.

Matthew 11:28-29 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Sat. April 13th 9-11:30am



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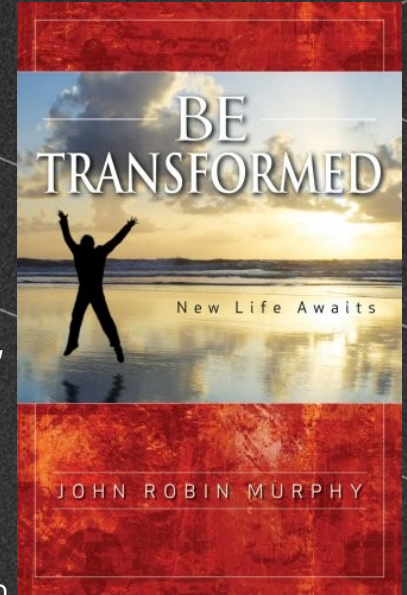
**A Book You
Should Read**



overcome out-of-control behaviors and live a more fulfilling life. Through stories, personal testimony, and Scripture, John Murphy demonstrates the transformation process that freed him from obesity, alcohol abuse, and more. *Be Transformed* is more than an inspiring and engaging read. It will show you the biblical way to transform your life.

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—Pastor Josh

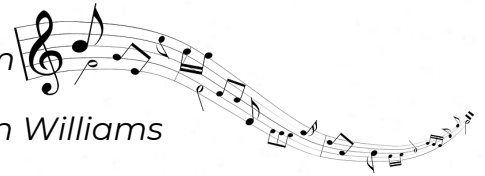


Here are our current favorite worship songs!

Josh: Heaven on Earth by *The Newsboys*

Sarah: Sunday's Comin' by *Phil Wickham*

Lauren: Abide by *Dwell Songs and Aaron Williams*



Karyn: In the Room by *Maverick City Music*

Gavin: Scandal of Grace by *Hillsong*

Sutton: Another One by *Elevation Worship*

Austin: Run Devil Run by *Crowder*

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New Hope Kids 8:30 Kid Connect and Breakfast are on a break for the month of April. However, exciting things will start on Sunday May 5th

This summer Bo and Lauren Cochran will be leading a Hope at Home Connect Group based on the book "Raising Spiritual Champions" by George Barna. In this group, we will look at what it means to raise our children and grandchildren with a biblical worldview by learning foundational truths that will

help your child become a spiritual champion.

At the same time, our New Hope Kids 8:30 Kid Connect ages K— 5th grade will be using the curriculum "Foundations: A Biblical Worldview" taught by Nancy Erickson and Sandy Kramer. We believe this is a wonderful opportunity to unite church and home as we work together to bring HOPE HOME! You can sign up for this connect group on our church website!